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Come and See Meetings in 2024 for the Permanent Diaconate

Several Parishes throughout the Archdiocese will host Come and See Meetings for inquirers interested in learning more about the diaconate, and about the formation program. Deacons and wives will speak about their experience in formation and ministry.

These meetings will be held in *January through early March of 2024*, with the potential admission of those applying to be accepted to the ordination class of 2029. Diaconate formation classes start every two years, and run through five years of formation. However, sometimes men will be asked to wait to apply, or asked to delay an aspect of formation, so there is no guarantee of ordination in five years – discernment and formation is an organic process, with development and discernment upon the four pillars of formation: human, spiritual, pastoral, and intellectual.

While Come and See meetings are held every two years, potential inquirers are always encouraged at any time to contact the Assistant Director of Diaconate Formation, Deacon Charles Huber, at HuberC@adw.org to receive inquiry forms and set up times for meeting or discussions about their interest. Discussions are held every few months.

In early 2024, meetings will be held in the following areas of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington:

The District of Columbia

Montgomery County *Burtonsville, Darnestown, & Silver Spring*

Prince George's County *Southern Prince George's County, Bowie/Laurel, Largo*

Calvert County *Prince Frederick*

Charles County *Waldorf*

St. Mary's County *Leonardtown*

A detailed listing of dates, times, and parishes will be posted before Christmas of 2023, with meetings starting in mid-January on both weeknight evenings and after Sunday & Saturday Vigil Masses. An inquirer and his wife can attend any meeting in the series.